

**Alton-Godfrey Transportation Study**  
**Public Informational Meeting**  
**November 19, 2014**

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**Purpose of Tonight's Public Meeting**

Thank you for attending tonight's public meeting for the Alton-Godfrey Transportation Study. IDOT is holding this meeting tonight to:

- Bring you up to date on the study's progress
- Explain the process of developing alternatives
- Show you the study alternatives proposed to be carried forward
- Give you an opportunity to provide your feedback on the alternatives presented here this evening

There are four north-south alternatives – 4, 5, 6 and 8 – that IDOT is proposing to be carried forward for further study, in addition to a no-build alternative. These alternatives were developed to serve two primary purposes:

1. To provide improved connectivity between IL Route 3/111 and IL Route 255.
2. To provide improved connectivity between IL Route 3/111 and US Route 67 near Alton Square Mall Drive.

The recommendation of alternatives to be carried forward has to be approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

IDOT is also proposing:

- Alternative 12-3 to improve the confusing connection between Illinois Route 3/111 (Homer Adams Parkway) and US Route 67. This alternative is shared by all of the north-south alternatives.
- Optional improvements to Tolle Lane, which can be built with, or independently of, any of the four north-south alternatives.

All of the alternatives shown on the following pages are available for your review on display boards at tonight's public meeting. IDOT representatives and consultant team members are here to discuss the project with you and answer your questions.

A general overview of the purpose and scope of the project; funding; schedule; and other information can be found in the Newsletter provided to meeting attendees tonight.

Your comments are important! Please fill out a comment form before you leave or mail it to the address shown on the form. Comments received by December 3 will become part of the public meeting record.

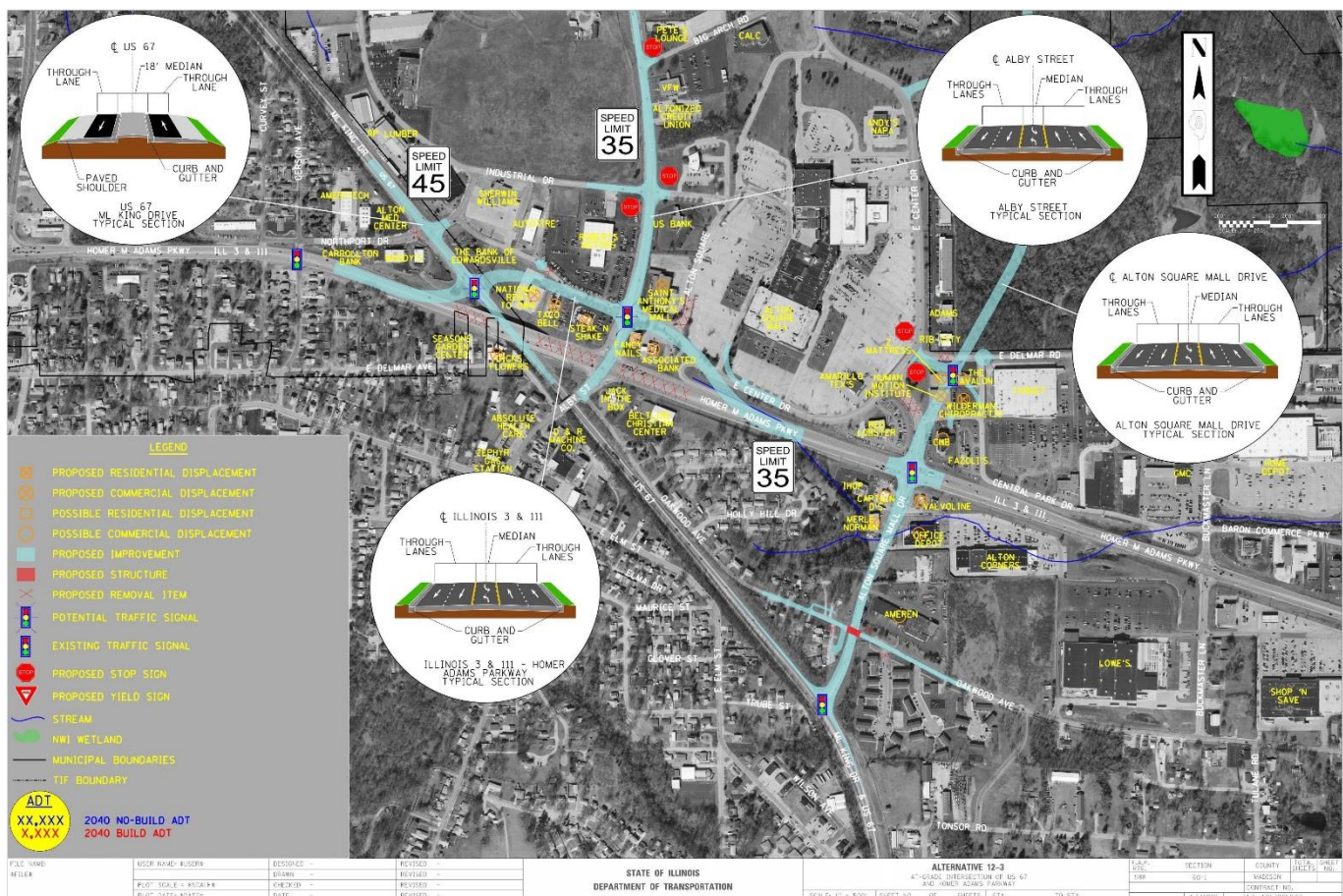


### Alternative 12-3:

#### Improvements at Homer Adams Parkway (IL Route 3/111), US Route 67 and Alton Square Mall Drive

The four north-south alternatives that you see here tonight share a common improvement, which is to improve connectivity between Homer Adams Parkway (IL Route 3/111) and US Route 67. This involves a relocation of Homer Adams to the north to intersect with US Route 67, and a widening of Alton Square Mall Drive to four lanes between Homer Adams and US Route 67.

This improvement would provide a new signalized intersection between Homer Adams and US Route 67 – a direct connection which does not exist now. The speed limit of Homer Adams between Alton Square Mall Drive and Gerson Drive would be reduced from 45 to 35 miles per hour, which lowers the number of property impacts. This alternative requires only six acres of new right of way and would cost about \$26 million if built as shown. This improvement is shown below.

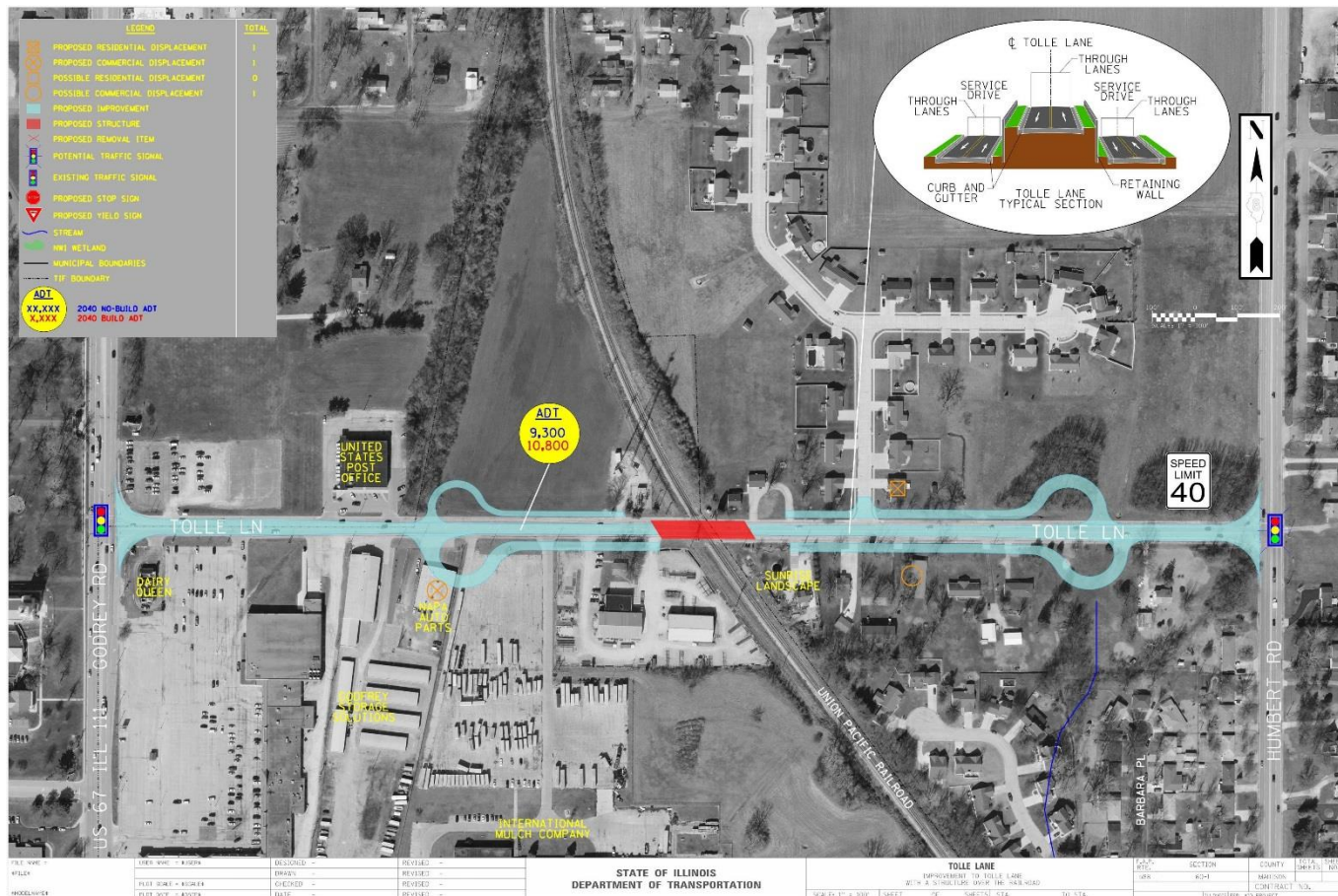


## Tolle Lane Improvements

The figure below shows a closer view of proposed improvements to Tolle Lane between Godfrey and Humbert Roads.

An important feature of these improvements is a bridge over the railroad tracks to improve safety at this location. These improvements would cost about \$29 million if built as shown.

These improvements are optional and can be built with, or independently of, any of the four north-south alternatives.







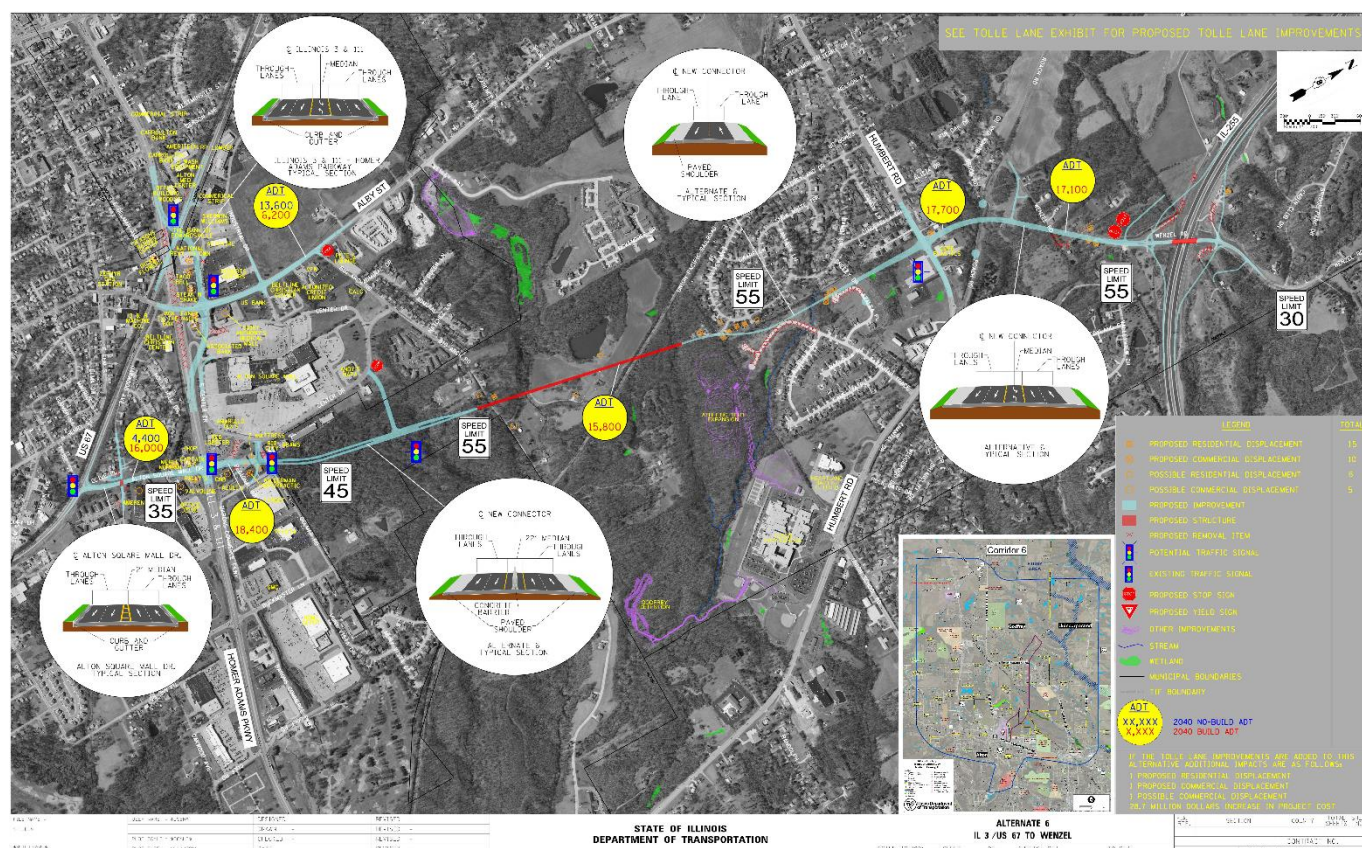
- New alignment between Alton Square Mall Drive and North Humbert within the North Alby corridor and new alignment to the Wenzel Road overpass
- New alignment goes over Union Pacific RR and North Humbert
- Includes a new connection to Tolle Lane
- Wenzel Road overpass to be converted to a diamond interchange
- North Humbert widened to 5 lanes between Tolle and IL 255
- Cost: \$178.5 million
- Forecast Base 2040 average daily traffic: 21,600
- Residential Displacements: 21
- Commercial Displacements: 19
- Wetlands impacted: 0.13 acres





## Alternative 6

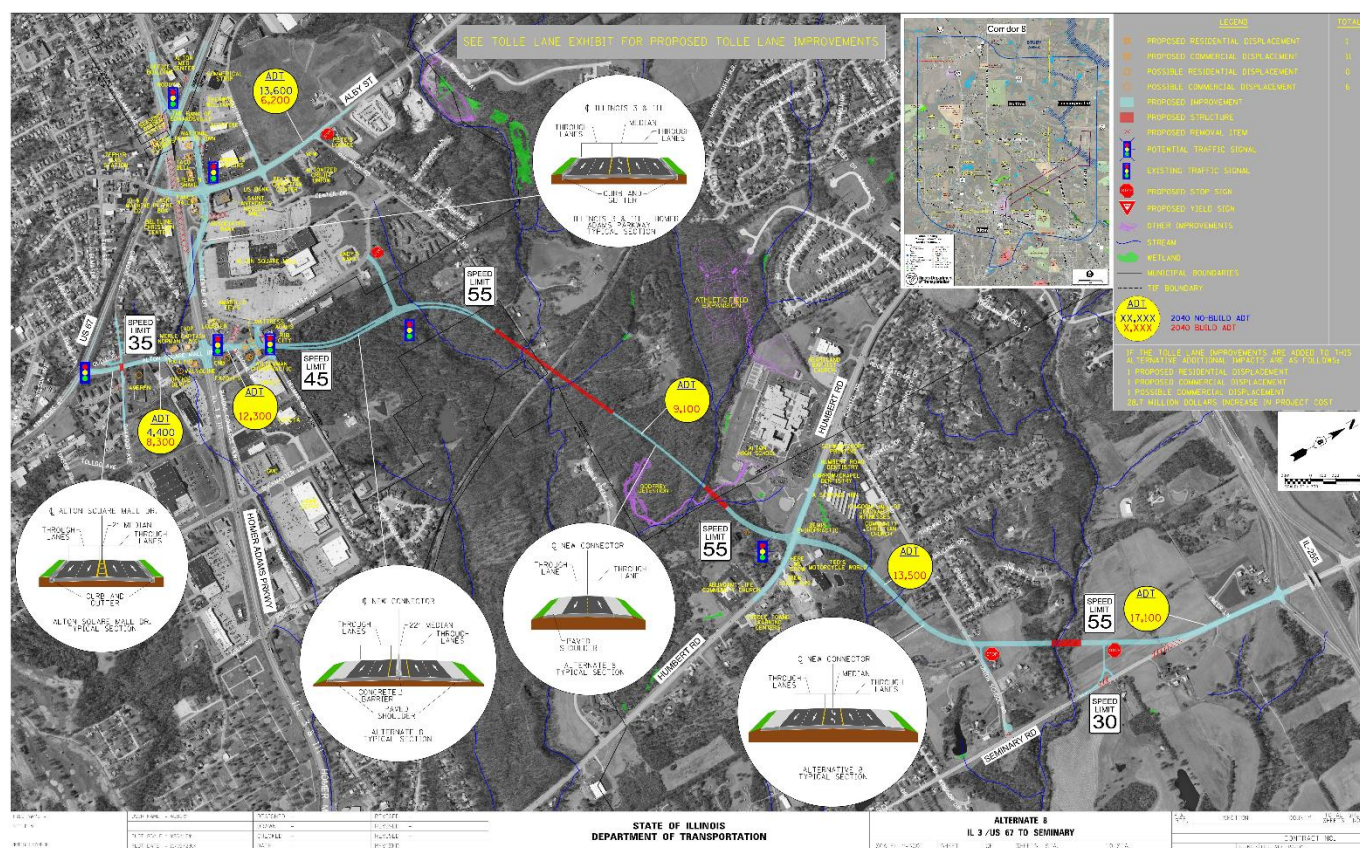
- New alignment between Alton Square Mall Drive and Wenzel Road
- New bridge over Union Pacific RR near Big Arch Road
- Wenzel Road overpass to be converted to a diamond interchange
- New intersection at North Humbert between North Alby and Alton High School
- Cost: \$148.7 million
- Forecast Base 2040 average daily traffic: 15,800
- Residential Displacements: 21
- Commercial Displacements: 17
- Wetlands impacted: 0.07 acres





## Alternative 8

- New alignment between Alton Square Mall Drive and Seminary Road
- New bridge over Union Pacific RR near Big Arch Road
- New intersection at North Humbert just south of Alton High School
- Cost: \$138.7 million
- Forecast Base 2040 average daily traffic: 13,500
- Residential Displacement: 1
- Commercial Displacements: 17
- Wetlands impacted: None



## **What Happens Next?**

These alternatives are still preliminary. Although they all meet the study's purpose and need, they must be approved by the Federal Highway Administration and environmental resource agencies.

The study team will then continue to evaluate and refine the alternatives, which will include reviewing feedback from tonight's meeting.

Engineering and environmental studies will continue, such as surveying, stream and wetland evaluations, drainage studies, bicycle and pedestrian evaluations, and pavement and bridge design.

The team will begin assembling the environmental impact assessment, or EIS, document. The EIS is a comprehensive summary of how the study team developed and evaluated the corridors and alternatives, and shows that all potential impacts to the natural environment, people, and historic areas, for example, were cataloged and assessed in accordance with Illinois and federal requirements.

And we will continue to encourage your feedback and comments as part of the overall public involvement process.

## **Let Us Hear From You**

Before you leave tonight, please fill out a comment form or mail it to the address shown on the form. Comments received by December 3 will become part of the public meeting record.

We encourage you to stay involved by signing up for future newsletters, visiting the project website, attending future public meetings, and providing us with your feedback.

IDOT appreciates your attendance tonight and your interest in the Alton-Godfrey Transportation Study.